

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Wrestling team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On February 27, 2010, the Catholic Central Shamrocks defeated Rockford 39–24 to hoist their first state championship trophy since 1988.

Third year Head Coach Mitch Hancock, an individual state final winner for the Shamrocks in 2000, saw all fourteen of his wrestlers earn a berth to the Individual State Finals. This is the first time in recent Division 1 history that an entire team has qualified for the Individual State meet. Three Shamrock grapplers brought home individual state titles to complement the team championship. This is truly a tremendous accomplishment for a devoutly dedicated group of young men. The hard work and dedication of all of its members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Following in the remarkable tradition of legendary Catholic Central Coach Mike Rodriguez, who was both coach and mentor to current Coach Mitch Hancock, the Shamrock's brought home their eighth state wrestling team title.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 27–4, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues Representative FRANK WOLF and Representative JAMES MORAN, to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exem-

plified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line everyday to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. Nearly 80 individuals are receiving awards at the 2010 ceremony in a variety of categories: The Life-saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Four members of the Herndon Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipients of the 2010 Lifesaving Award are: Corporal Robert Galpin, Senior Police Officer Justin Dyer and Officer Jeffrey Lange.

Recipients of the 2010 Certificate of Valor are: Corporal Robert Galpin, Senior Police Officer Mark Fraser.

Madam Speaker, we would like to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in commending this group of remarkable citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF NOWRUZ AND CONTRIBUTIONS
OF IRANIAN-AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, the following speech, "Nowruz: A New Day for Humanity," was given by Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, on the evening of March 17, 2010, at the Library of Congress for the Nowruz Commission's inaugural event. Dr. Karimi-Hakkak serves as Chair of the Nowruz Commission's Cultural Committee.

NOWRUZ: A NEW DAY FOR HUMANITY

Nowruz, literally meaning "new day," has lived up to its name in wondrous ways. For at least three millennia, it has provided the supreme occasion for renewal and rejuvenation. The power behind its inexhaustible appeal resides in a simple truth: humans need a ritual that transcends distinct and distinguishable group identities to celebrate our common humanity. Nowruz does so by inviting everyone to contemplate nature as it puts on its most magnificent dress at springtime and to synchronize personal and communal relations with the spirit of nature. Pointing to nature's ability to renew itself each and every year, Nowruz manifests intense human yearnings that transcend all divisions. The roots of Nowruz are scattered in myth and in history in much of western Asia and is anchored most profoundly in Persian mythology, where it marks the beginning of the calendar. In recent centuries, as Empires in India and Iran, in Anatolia and Central Asia gave way to the modern countries, Nowruz has been celebrated in accordance with myriad local customs and traditions. Everywhere, however, it offers the promise of a human community in which a race of all races can create a new global culture beyond all nationhood and nationality. It aspires to

no less than a human community as beautiful and colorful as nature on the first day of spring.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Football team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On November 27, 2009 the Catholic Central Shamrocks steamrolled Sterling Heights Stevenson 31–21. The win capped off an undefeated season for the Blue and White.

This 2009 Catholic Central football team gave Coach Tom Mach the 10th State Championship in his 34 seasons as head coach of the Shamrocks. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment for this close-knit group of young men. The hard work and dedication of all of its members epitomize what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Following a wildly successful Catholic season that saw 6 shutouts and a defense that allowed only 23 points on the season, Catholic Central added yet another shutout, edging Orchard Lake St. Mary's 7–0 for the Detroit Catholic League Championship. After routing Livonia Franklin 42–7 in the district opener, the Shamrocks exacted revenge on Livonia Stevenson, who had ended Catholic Central's 2008 playoff run by trouncing the Spartans 38–0. With the win Coach Mach became only the 7th coach in Michigan history to have reached 300 wins, all at the helm of Catholic Central.

But there was more to accomplish. A determined Canton team forced the Shamrocks into overtime before Catholic Central ran into the end zone on the first possession. The stingy Shamrock defense wouldn't budge, and the beloved Blue and White eked out a 31–27 triumph.

With only Holt standing in the path to the finals at Ford Field, the Shamrocks rolled to a 31–0 win, racking up the 9th shutout of their spectacular season.

Finally a winning team took to the turf of Ford Field as Catholic Central went to the big dance against Sterling Heights Stevenson. While this Stevenson team fared slightly better than their Livonia counterparts, the Shamrocks met their final challenge and soared to a 31–21 victory, raising the Division 1 trophy in triumph.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 14–0, the 2009 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement, and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!